Action on complaints of adulteration of petrol/diesel

*4269. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints regarding adulteration in diesel/petrol at petrol pumps are received;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received throughout the country during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, alongwith details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the action taken thereon;

(d) the number of petrol pumps, permits of which cancelled on this basis;

(e) whether cooperation of public representative is being taken by Government to check the adulteration, State-wise or whether any committee of public representatives has been constituted in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. State-wise details of complaints regarding adulteration in diesel/petrol at petrol pumps received by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 are annexed as Statement. (See below) The complaints have been investigated by the OMCs and necessary action has been taken against the erring dealers in terms of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreements. The punitive actions include suspension of sales & supplies, fines and even termination of dealership.

(d) The number of retail outlets terminated year-wise are as follows:—

Year	No. of ROs terminated
2002-2003	03
2003-2004	04
TOTAL	07

(e) and (f) Cooperation of the public at large to check adulteration is most welcome. However, Government have not constituted any committee of public representatives in this regard.

* Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise details of complaints received during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 regarding adulteration in diesel/petrol pumps.

States/UTs	2002-2003	2003-2004
Andhra Pradesh	.	01
Assam	01	02
Bihar	01	03
Chhattisgarh	02	-
Delhi	06	06
Goa	01	-
Gujarat	07	03
Haryana	05	06
Himachal Pradesh	-	01
Jammu & Kashmir	01	-
Jharkhand	01	02
Karnataka	03	-
Kerala	05	02
Madhya Pradesh	11	-
Maharashtra	17	12
Mizoram	-	01
Orissa	01	01
Pondicherry	-	01
Punjab	01	02
Rajasthan	01	03
Sikkim	05	-
Tamil Nadu	04	02
Uttar Pradesh	-11	03
West Bengal	08	07
TOTAL :	92	58

Opening of petrol pumps by HPCL on NHs in violation of prescribed norms

4270. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the HPCL has installed a number of petrol pumps on NHs in Punjab and Haryana on such sites after 17th October, 2004 which are not meeting the norms of Ministry of Road Transport